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The Adams Cottage
Clarksville
Private

1910

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It is a two bay wide, one room deep, two story high, gambrel roof (running north-south) reinforced concrete and redwood siding house, resting on a reinforced concrete foundation, with square, central, brick chimney and three bay wide, one room deep, one story high, shed roofed, cinder block (covered with stucco) kitchen wing, creating an "L" plan, surrounded by a lovely garden and patio on the south elevation.

Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned. Windows are rectangular and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by flat wooden sills and decorated with shutters. Two gabled roof, dormer windows are placed on the west elevation, into which are set windows similar to those described, but with no shutters.

The four light, rectangular, cross paneled entrance door to the house, located in the west wall's south bay, now enters into a one story high, shed roofed, enclosed sunporch, which features tall, eight light, rectangular panels on the north, south and west elevations, as well as a south entrance.

Constructed by Mr. Ernest Adams and an assistant around the year 1910, it was used as a honeymoon cottage by his son, Mr. Andrew N. Adams, Sr. in 1925, when he and his bride, Roberta, began their life residency here.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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Dist. 5

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC The Adams Cottage

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 5790 Ten Oaks Road (Triadelphia Mill Road at Ten Oaks)

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

6th

STATE

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mrs. Roberta Adams

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 5790 Ten Oaks Road

CITY, TOWN Clarksville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland 21029

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.Tax Map 34, p. 189
Hall of Records

Liber #: 502

Folio #: 169

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1978-1979

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Fenestration for the house is vertically aligned, rectangular, and double-hung, holding six-over-six lights, underlined by flat wooden sills and decorated with shutters.

The west elevation holds a first floor, north bay rectangular, double-hung, six-over-six light window, with a four-light, rectangular, cross paneled door in its south bay, which enters onto an attached, one story high, shed roofed enclosed sunporch, which features seven rectangular, tall, eight light panels inset into its west elevation, paneled sections, which can also be used for screen insets, on the west elevation and three similar, eight-light, rectangular panels on its north and south walls, with a rectangular south entrance door in the east bay. Above the entrance and first floor window on the west elevation rest two gabled roof, dormer windows, into which are placed windows similar to those already described. Lawn and garden, bordered by a picket fence surround this property, while bordering boxwoods are located south of the house, in the triangle formed by the intersection, planted to create a lawned, bordered pathway, which widens as it approaches the house and its charming brick patio and garden, which nestles in the corner formed by the "L".

The north and south elevations of the cottage hold a vertically aligned, first and second floor window, similar to those described. The east elevation holds a first floor, south bay window, while from its north bay extends the three bay wide, one room deep, one story high, kitchen wing, whose northeast corner is taken up by a bath, with rectangular, outside entrance on the kitchen's east wall. Two first floor windows, similar to those described, rest in the kitchen wing's north wall. It's south wall holds a central, six-light cross paneled, rectangular entrance door, flanked by windows, similar to those described. On the west side of the entrance door hangs a large round bell, originally used by those visiting at MacAlpine to call for the groom to come get the horses.

The interior first floor of the house and kitchen wing is completely pine paneled and features two front rooms, with enclosed stair-

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case on its south wall. The central chimney was originally used for stove pipes, which have now been paneled over. The chimney is now used for the furnace located beneath the house, for which a hole was dug in that area of the house.

Originally, unplained lumber from the oak trees on the farm provided siding for the second floor but later was replaced by redwood siding.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1910

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Adams Cottage is significant for Howard County and the State of Maryland architecturally as a fine example of Dutch Colonial architecture enhanced by the outstanding landscape gardening surrounding it, and historically in the area of local history for its association with both the family of Adam Andrews, a Devonshire tea taster, who came from England in the nineteenth century and settled on a farm in Clarksville, after owning a seat on the stock market on Wall Street in New York City. Many of the latter settlers of Howard County, who immigrated in the nineteenth century, were from England. Many German families also settled in the Elkridge area along Montgomery Road.

Ernest Adams, son of Andrew Adams, who had a large family, constructed Adams Cottage, along with a black workman on the farm, as a tenant farmhouse, about the year 1901. In those days the tenant farmer helped operate the farm and his wife usually did the laundry and helped with household chores.

Initially, only two rooms up and two rooms down, it later featured an east kitchen wing, enclosed west porch, and upstairs north bath. In 1925 it became a honeymoon cottage for Mr. Andrew N. Adams, Sr. and his wife Roberts Temple. They operated their Ten Oaks Nursery, north of the cottage, and had their office in the small shingled, gable roof building, which still stands amidst larger auxiliary nursery buildings. Mrs. Adams' family gave them electricity for a wedding present in the form of a Delco unit, while Mr. Adams' parents installed the plumbing for the house. The walls of the house were also plastered at that time and later pine paneled.

Architecturally, the building is noteworthy, not only as representative of Dutch Colonial architecture, in the form of a simple tenant cottage, as exemplified by its gambrel roof and simplicity of line, with the low scaled kitchen wing creating a quaint, picturesque effect, but it is also noteworthy in the area of landscape gardening. In the triangle, south of the cottage, formed by the junction of two roads, a lovely boxwood garden has been created, which informally follows the triangular line, widening naturally as it approaches the driveway to the cottage, whose "L" shaped patio, garden, and encircling tree-shaded lawn are bordered by a picket fence.

This exceptionally fine landscaping, coupled with and enhancing the building's simplicity of form and design, as well as its association with both the Temple and Adams families of Howard County, give this building significance.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Roberta Adams at her home, June 13, 1979

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .934 acres

Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map³⁴

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see Howard County Land Records, Liber 502 Folio 169

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland

COUNTY Howard

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

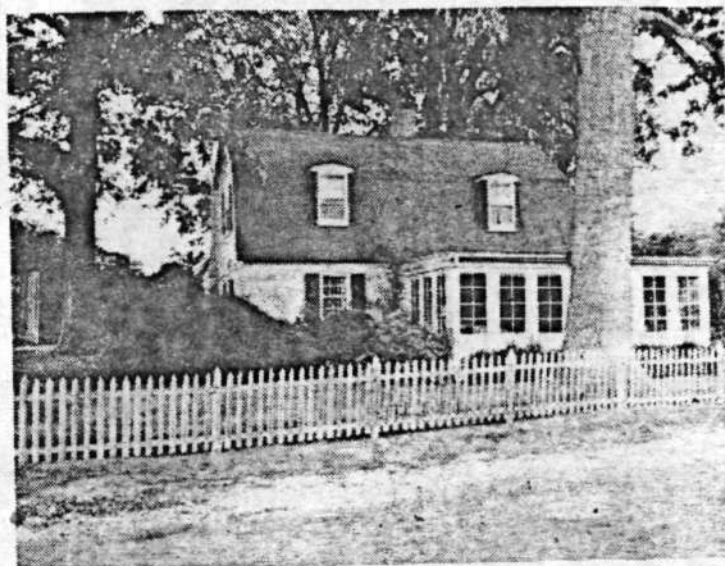
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Ten Oaks Rd, Clarksville

Roberta Adams Farmhouse



located
in field
by
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ADAMS FARMHOUSE Owner: Mrs. Andrew Adams, Sr. This charming cottage was the shell of a tenant house belonging to Ernest Adams when his son, Andrews, and bride began to restore it in 1925. The original exterior now encloses a home as hospitable as one could wish. In the wood paneled rooms, Mrs. Adams has on display family china and glassware including several English decanters (c. 1800) and a wholly intact Wedgewood game dish (c. 1820). Interesting to note, also, is a Wedgewood King Edward Coronation Mug (rare, because the mold was destroyed at the time of his abdication).

The garden, once a blackberry patch where pigs rummaged, is now a tidy haven of azalea and boxwood (the

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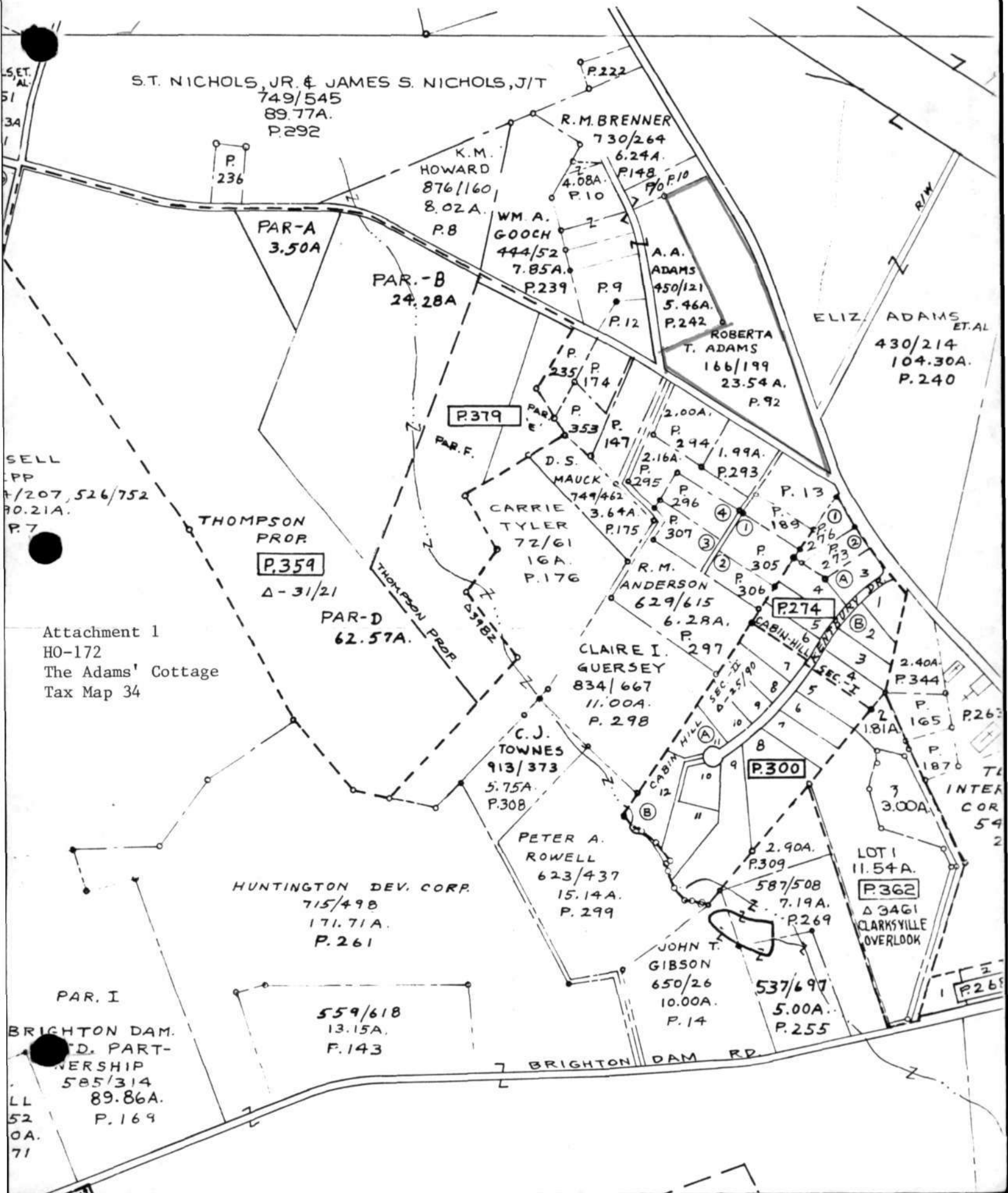
Robert Adams Farmhouse

Ten Oaks Rd, Clarksville

latter, all grown by the Adams from cuttings they made, themselves, in 1930). It is a glorious display in springtime, when the azaleas are in bloom, welcoming visitors to the Ten Oaks Nursery grounds.

The residence of Mrs. Andrew N. Adams, next house on the tour, can be reached by returning to hard road. Turn left - proceed to second stop sign, which is located at intersection of Triadelphia Road and Ten Oaks Road (Follow arrows and tour signs). Turn left to Dayton, which is 1.8 miles. Bear left still following Ten Oaks Road, for 3.4 miles to Mrs. Adam's residence on the right. Look for arrows.

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S.T. NICHOLS, JR. & JAMES S. NICHOLS, J/T
749/545
89.77A.
P.292

R.M. BRENNER
730/264
6.24A.
P.148

K.M. HOWARD
876/160
8.02A.
P.8

WM. A. GOOCH
444/52
7.85A.
P.239

A.A. ADAMS
450/121
5.46A.
P.242

ROBERTA T. ADAMS
166/199
23.54A.
P.92

ELIZ. ADAMS ET. AL
430/214
104.30A.
P.240

PAR-A
3.50A

PAR.-B
24.28A

P.379

PAR.F.

CARRIE TYLER
72/61
16A.
P.176

R.M. ANDERSON
629/615
6.28A.
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CLAIRE I. GUERSEY
834/667
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C.J. TOWNES
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PETER A. ROWELL
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HUNTINGTON DEV. CORP.
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BRIGHTON DAM.
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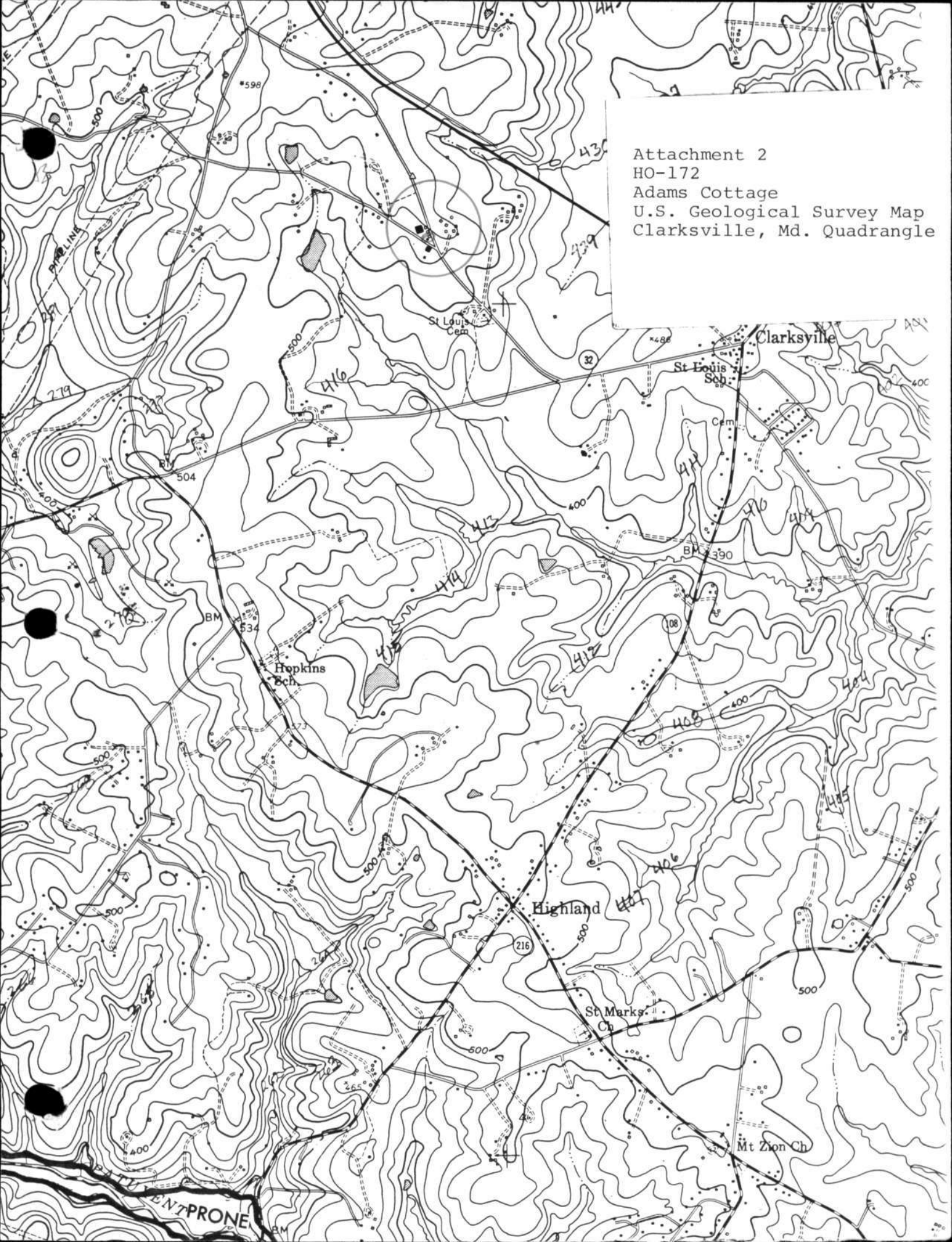
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OVERLOOK

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Attachment 2
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Adams Cottage
U.S. Geological Survey Map
Clarksville, Md. Quadrangle





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Adams' Farm house SE Mar 72



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ADAMS COTTAGE
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